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## SEA, RIVER CRAFT

### Fleet of Five Steamers Crosses Out to Sea.

### THREE GRAIN SHIPS ARRIVE

Yosemite and Johan Poulsen Depart for San Francisco—Alliance Due in From Coos—Irene Clears With Big Lumber Cargo—Notes of Interest.

The steamer Alliance is due in this port today from Coos Bay with freight and passengers for Astoria and Portland.

The British ship Rajore, Captain Williams, is tied up at Portland on account of a lack of sailors to man her. She is ready for sea and the United Kingdom as soon as this want is supplied.

The Costa Rica should be at the O. R. & N. piers at an early hour tomorrow morning en route to San Francisco.

The Portland-Asiatic steamship Nicomedia is due down on her way to China and Japan today, and will leave out immediately.

The steamer Northland is due in from San Francisco today.

The schooner Jas. A. Garfield is due to leave out today for San Francisco, with a big load of lumber.

The steamer Lurline keeps close to her schedule these days and is carrying heavily both ways. She went up last evening at 7 o'clock with a number of people and plenty of way freight.

The Hassalo continues to do her daily stunt between this city and the metropolis and is a busy member of the marine gang. She will spend the day here, today, as usual.

The lighthouse tender Columbine, Captain Charles Richardson, will leave out for Puget Sound tomorrow morning, for an inspection tour of the stations in that body of water, and will probably be gone until well on toward the Christmas holidays.

The Kamm steamer Lurline went into the towing business temporarily yesterday, while coming down the river. The steamer Beaver, was assisted from a resting place on the sands, which she had run onto, and the Tahoma was also towed down the stream by the Lurline.

There was a quintette of steamers went over the Columbia bar in the hour between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning, bound for divers ports on the coast and abroad, to-wit: The Norwegian steamship Aker, the Mackinaw, the Aurelia, the Borderer and the City of Panama. The Queen Louise, for the Orient, started out but came back to her anchorage for some reason that has not been ascertained.

The steamer Oklahoma came down from Portland yesterday afternoon and immediately fastened on to the ship Carnation Bay, and went on to Portland with her; and the Harvest Queen will be down this morning after the Windsor Park and the Strathgryfe.

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The steamer Yosemite, Captain Johnson arrived down from Portland yesterday morning and went to sea in the afternoon, with a big load of lumber for the Bay City.

The steamer Johan Poulsen was among the craft to arrive down from Portland yesterday and she went over the bar, San Francisco-bound, during the afternoon.

The vessels on the hither side of the bar last evening were the Queen Louise, grain laden for the United Kingdom; the George R. Vosburg, with general cargo, for Nehalem; the motor schooner Berwick, with general cargo for Rogue River; and the Simpson schooner Churchill, lumber-laden for Keelung, Formosa.

The fine schooner Irene, with a million feet of lumber came down yesterday afternoon, on the hawsers of the Oklahoma, and cleared for San Francisco. She will leave out on this morning's flood tide.

The schooner Transit cleared from this port and the Tongue Point Mills yesterday afternoon, with a big load of lumber for the Bay City.

The oil tank steamer Santa Rita is due down from the metropolis sometime today, en route to Port Harford on the coast of California.

A fleet of three grain ships rode up the Columbia bar yesterday noon, all hailing from the tropics, all in ballast for Portland; they were the British ship Carnation Bay, 44 days from Valparaiso, Captain Griffith on her bridge; the British bark Strathgryfe, Captain McIntyre, in the swift time of 32 days from Callao, Peru; and the British ship Windsor Park, Captain Livingston, 49 days from Caldera, Chili. These vessels have all made fine time from the South American coast and ranged up to the mouth of the Columbia almost simultaneously. The Carnation Bay sailed in as far as Buoy No. 8, and was picked up by the Tatoosh; and none of them had any waiting to do after their presence was ascertained off the bar.

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next National Republican convention is E. H. Butler of Buffalo. Mr. Butler is the fortunate owner of the Buffalo News which wields an immense influence in its home town and surrounding territory. He founded the paper some twenty or more years ago and developed first a Sunday paper and then an evening paper with a Sunday issue, until it has made more than a millionaire. In the campaign just ended the News was the only Buffalo paper to support the entire local ticket which won out by a handsome majority. The result has increased Mr. Butler's prestige in Western New York and strengthened his friendship with the President. He exercises a powerful political influence which is rapidly extending beyond the confines of the territory so ably covered by the News.

As a result of his recent trip, First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock is working on a bill which he will offer to Congress, permitting postmasters of the Middle West and West to pay salary to clerks and carriers in excess of the grade which the postal employees really hold. The Post Office Department has experienced difficulty for some time past in retaining the services of experienced employees in the post offices of the West. This condition prevails particularly in the mining regions of the Rocky Mountains, where in the last few years towns have sprung up over night and have become cities within a few months. In those places prices of everything including labor is very high and it has been found impossible to retain men in the post office service at the salaries paid. Mr. Hitchcock found, for instance,

that at Goldfield, Nev., Edward R. Collins, the postmaster there has paid out far more than his salary in order that the office might be maintained. It is possible that Congress will pass a special bill reimbursing Postmaster Collins. While this is an aggravated case, it shows the condition in which the postal service is at the present time.

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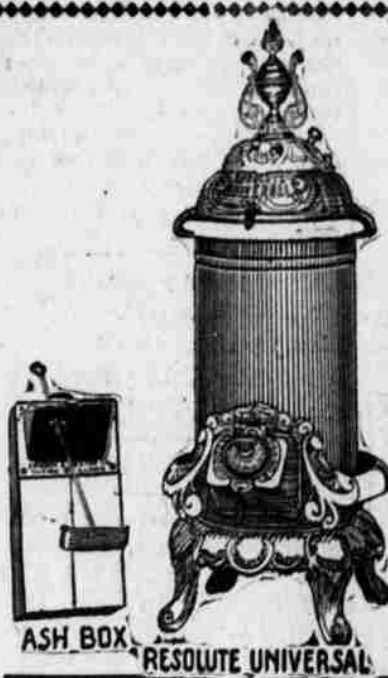
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